



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 10:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building
420 Holmes Street, Room 146
Bellefonte, PA 16823

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Pipe called the Board of Commissioners' meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

In attendance were Commissioners Michael Pipe, Chair; Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair; Steven G. Dershem, Commissioner, Administrator, Margaret N. Gray; Deputy Administrator, Natalie Corman; and Executive Secretary, Natalie Bird.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Representatives from the news media included Emma Gosalvez, Gary Sinderson, Leon Valsechi, and Sean Yoder.

Visitor(s) present included Russ Rossman, Dr. Evan Bell, Roger Williams, John Costas, and Sarah Anderson.

County Personnel present included Mike Bloom, Gene Lauri, Julia Sprinkle, Bryan Sampsel, and Faith Ryan.

CNET staff were present.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Board of Commissioners' meeting held Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.

V. ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. Proclamation No. 18 of 2017 – Russ Rossman and Dr. Evan Bell joined the Board this morning to raise awareness about Lyme disease. Russ is a victim of Lyme disease who saw 23 specialists before receiving a diagnosis. He said this is the biggest growing epidemic we face and expects it to be a bad year for ticks and other disease carriers. According to Dr. Bell, 95% of diagnosed Lyme disease cases are within a 14 state area. Pennsylvania has the distinction of being #1 in newly developed cases. He noted that patients can be treated and cared for if done appropriately. The sooner patients are diagnosed the sooner the disease can be stopped from developing further and allowing other symptoms to develop. It is important to raise awareness

for Lyme disease, educate the public, and medical professionals as symptoms may be unusual and not easily diagnosed. Commissioner Higgins motioned to proclaim May 2017 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in Centre County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.

- B. Proclamation No. 19 of 2017 – The Board welcomed Sarah Anderson, Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Penn State, and Roger Williams, former Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association to provide information on the OLLI Program. OLLI provides educational and social programs for mature adults in Centre County. Sarah started by thanking the Commissioners for instructing a course for the OLLI program earlier this spring. This year they are celebrating their 20th Anniversary; they are one of 450 lifelong learning institutes in North America. Roger said they are always looking for new ideas and courses. In the last year they engaged about 6,000 enrollees, 725 volunteers, and 315 instructors. In honor of their anniversary, Commissioner Higgins made a motion to proclaim May 18, 2017 as "OLLI Appreciation Day" in Centre County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.
- C. Commissioners – Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve publication of the Request for Bids for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Flood work involving deposition/debris removal and stream stabilization. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved– Dept. 111.
- D. Children and Youth – Julia Sprinkle requested that the Board reviews and approves submission of the Quarterly Report for the period of January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved – Dept. 511.
- E. The Board began discussion regarding the implementation of a \$5.00 registration fee in January 2017. That same month a survey was distributed to all 35 municipalities in Centre County asking for their feedback on the optional fee to be used for local transportation projects. Of the surveys returned 12 out of 19 were in support of implementing the additional fee. The fee will be imposed on each and every non-exempt vehicle registered to an address located within the County. 100% of that money will be returned to the County by PennDOT and invested in local transportation projects. The ordinance includes a sunset provision, where after five years the Board shall have the option, in public vote, to continue the ordinance for an additional five years or rescind the ordinance and stop collecting the fee. The fee is set at \$5 and cannot be increased without further ordinance or official action.

John Costas of Benner Township asked the Board how many vehicles will be exempt. Commissioner Pipe said there will be about 6,000. John noted that it is the vehicles that are putting wear and tear on the roads including Penn State and government

vehicles. According to Commissioner Pipe, we only have the authority per the vehicle code to apply the fee to non-exempt vehicles.

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2 of 2017 - An Ordinance for the implementation of a fee for local use as provided by 75 Pa.C.S. §1935, allowing a county, in its discretion, to impose a county fee of \$5.00 for each nonexempt vehicle registered to an address located within its borders. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pipe; Commissioner Dershem was opposed – Dept. 111.

- F. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve this week's check run in the amount of \$5,549,999.59 dated May 5, 2017. Of that money \$5 million was transferred to the money market account. The check of the week was to Centre Region Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$22,202 for senior center reimbursements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.

VI. DEPARTMENT HEADS – DIRECTORS – GUESTS – Commissioner Higgins motioned to move the following items (A-C) to the May 16th Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved

- A. Adult Services – Faith Ryan requested that the Board reviews the Pennsylvania Housing and Finance Authority (PHFA) Commitment Letter for the awarded \$26,000 to Centre County Office of Adult Services. This money, leveraged with Human Services Block Grant funds, will be used during FY17-18 to expand the existing Homemaker Services Program for disabled adults, between 18-59 years, who are often vulnerable to homelessness and/or near homelessness. This opportunity was open for all 67 counties to apply. Centre County's awarded PHFA Grant total is \$26,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 501.
- B. Children and Youth – Natalie Corman requested that the Board reviews a contract with Calvary Kids Daycare to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$500 which is funded as follows: State \$400 and County \$100; for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 – Dept. 511.
- C. Criminal Justice Planning – Gene Lauri requested that the Board reviews a contract renewal with Crossroads Counseling, Inc. for the Men Against Abuse Program, or MAAP. MAAP is a mandatory Batterers Intervention Program for offenders who have committed DV offenses. MAAP consists of 30 weekly sessions and is fully participant funded. This contract is from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 – Dept. 306.

- VII. CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the following (A-F) Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.

A. Children and Youth Services -

- i. A contract renewal with Families United Network, Inc. to provide foster/residential services to dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$175,000 with the funding as follows: State \$140,000 and County \$35,000; for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 – Dept. 511.
 - ii. A contract between the County and The Learning Station to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$4,000 with the funding as follows: State \$3,200 and County \$800; for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 – Dept. 511.
 - iii. A contract between the County and the YMCA of Centre County – Moshannon Valley to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$500 with the funding as follows: State \$400 and County \$100; for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 – Dept. 511.
 - iv. A contract with Clearfield County Children & Youth Services to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$1,750 with the source of funding as follows: State \$1,400 and County \$350 (20%); for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 – Dept. 511.
 - v. A contract with Summitt School, Inc. to provide residential/shelter services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$6,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$3,600 and County \$2,400; for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 – Dept. 511.
- B. District Attorney – A contract with Sarah Kern to perform the duties of International Outreach Consultant. The Contract total is \$4,900 for the period of May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 – Dept. 221.
- C. MH/ID/EI -
- i. A contract renewal between the County of Centre and Bauer's All About Kids, LLC. This agreement is for the provision of early intervention services to include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language pathology, and special instruction. The contract total is \$52,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$46,800 and County Match \$5,200 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 561.

- ii. Addendum No. 2 to the contract between the County of Centre and Cen Clear Child Services, Inc. This will increase the allocation to allow the service provider to provide additional early intervention services in the amount of \$12,000 increasing the contract maximum from \$15, 000 to \$27,000 for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 – Dept. 561.
 - iii. A contract renewal between the County of Centre and Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc. This agreement is for the provision of early intervention services to include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language pathology, and special instruction. The contract total is \$27,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$24,300 and County Match \$2,700 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 20, 2018 – Dept. 561.
 - iv. A contract renewal between the County of Centre and Strawberry Fields, Inc. This agreement is for the provision of early intervention services to include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language pathology, and special instruction. The contract total is \$400,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$360,000 and County Match \$40,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 561.
 - v. A Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Centre and Crossroads Counseling, Inc. The Center of Excellence grant award of \$500,000 will provide services to those individuals identified as meeting criteria for opioid use disorder, improving the quality of life for those individuals and enhancing service capacity by providing case management at Crossroads Counseling, Inc.; for the period of October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 561.
- D. Probation – The five year Supervision Funds Agreement allowing Centre County to receive state funds to supplement adult probation/parole expenses from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This agreement is for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 20, 2022 – Dept. 301.
- E. Recorder of Deeds – A contract with Info Quick Solutions, Inc. to image and film Plat Map Books 1-30. The contract total is \$30,375 for the period of May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 – Dept. 133.
- F. Sheriff's Office – A contract renewal with Ronald Gilligan as the auctioneer for the Sheriff's Office for the period of the current term of office, expiring December 31, 2019. The contract may be terminated upon written notice 30 days prior to the effective date of termination. The rate will remain the same at a \$50.00 fee per sale and is paid from the fees of the sale – Dept. 211.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

Margaret Gray presented the FY 2017-2018 Proposed State Budget HB218 Draft Resolution. Evaluating House Bill 218, there are numerous line items that would present significant cuts to Centre County Funding. Commissioner Higgins noted that not all cuts are listed in the resolution and some of the funding cuts are to mandated programs. Two of our legislators voted in favor of House Bill 218 and two of them voted against it. Commissioner Pipe said we need to raise awareness of how this bill will affect our County and send the resolution to our legislators and Governor Wolf. Commissioner Dershem agrees this is a good starting point to keep ourselves and our legislators informed.

X. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was received in the Commissioners' Office and will be handled appropriately

- A. Certificate of Liability - Centre County Youth
- B. Commonwealth of PA - DCED \$250,000
- C. Commonwealth of PA - HSBG 4Q - \$1,501,217
- D. PA Preservation - 2017 Preservation Awards
- E. Leadership Centre County - TLS Workshop
- F. Juniper Village - Dinner & Discussion
- G. Commonwealth of PA - 3500 E College Ave \$500
- H. North Shore Railroad - Award Ceremony
- I. CCAP - Legislative Bulletin
- J. PA DEP - Review of Water Quality Standards
- K. Centre County Youth Service Bureau - Annual Report
- L. North Central PA Conservancy - News Letter
- M. Bellefonte Easter Egg Hunt - Thank You
- N. Bellefonte Art Museum - Tasting

XI. RECOGNITIONS

Michael Boliek, Joel Balzer, and Thomas Dimick of Boy Scout Troop #367, Houserville/Lemont and Clayton Moyer of Boy Scout Troop 66, Bellefonte earned their Eagle Scout rank. Ceremonies were held on Sunday, May 7th to recognize their achievements.

XII. C-NET REQUESTS

XIII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Commissioner Dershem did not present a voter registration report, however he announced that today is the last day to submit for an absentee ballot.

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B. Announcements

The Centre County Commissioners' and the Bellefonte Borough Council will hold a joint Town Hall meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on the third floor of the Courthouse Annex in Bellefonte.

- XIV. There were no executive session meetings to report. There is one item for executive session following the Board meeting.

XV. MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 8 2017

BOC – 10:00 AM – Room 146 WB

Department Head Meetings – 1:00-3:30 PM - Room 144WB

Wednesday, May 10 2017

Conservation District Board Meeting – 7:30 PM – Room 146WB

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Prison Board Meeting – 8:00 AM - CCCF

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB – AS NEEDED

Department Head Meetings – 2:00-3:30 PM – Room 144WB

Meals on Wheels Benefit Dinner – 6:00 PM – Nittany Lion Inn

Friday, May 12, 2017

Centre County Youth Center Board Meeting – 9:30 AM

I. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

Friday, May 12, 2017

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

First day to REGISTER after the primary.

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 PM on May 15).

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Last day to circulate and file nomination papers.

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Last day to withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers.

I. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

- II. Motion by Commissioner Higgins to move into executive session at 11:02 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved. Executive session was adjourned at 12:28 PM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator